

NEWS RELEASE
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United States Attorney Deborah R. Gilg and the Lincoln Police Department and Lancaster County Sheriff's Office announce the following information for the attention of the media:

**Event Triggering this Release**: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf, United States District Judge in Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 3, 2009, sentenced Christopher Lang to 12 years and six months imprisonment following his conviction for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. In addition, two handguns, a shotgun and \$476 was ordered forfeited to the United States and Lang was ordered to serve five years on supervised release following completion of his prison sentence.

On July 9, 2008, Officers with the Lincoln/Lancaster County Narcotics Task Force executed a search warrant at Lang's residence on Cotner Boulevard in Lincoln. Seized were drug paraphernalia, a small quantity of methamphetamine, the shotgun and scales. On February 5, 2009, the SWAT team assisted the Narcotics Task Force in executing a second search warrant on the same residence. On this occasion, methamphetamine was again discovered, some of which was in a safe along with the two handguns and \$476. Also seized by law enforcement were a series of monitors, numerous cameras, and an LG high definition television which were all being utilized as a security system, monitoring the exterior of Lang's residence and garage.

Information from additional witnesses revealed Lang had been involved with conspiring to distribute over a kilogram of methamphetamine.

Name of Defendant: Christopher Lang

**AKA:** 

**Age:** 25

City of Residence: Lincoln

## **Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty:**

Conspiracy to distribute 50 grams or more of substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine. Possible penalty is five to 40 years in prison, up to \$2,000,000 fine, not less than four years supervised release.

Forfeiture of a Jennings .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Raven .25 caliber semi-automatic handgun, a Remington 1100 Series shotgun and \$476.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln, Nebraska

Location of Arrest: N/A

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: over 500 grams of methamphetamine

Others Charged in Same Scheme: None

**Relevant Dates:** 

Date of Alleged Crime: April 30, 2008 through February 5, 2009

Federal Arrest Date: March 24, 2009

**Date Complaint Issued:** N/A

**Indictment Returned Date**: March 20, 2009

**Initial Appearance Date**: March 26, 2009

Plea or Trial and Date(s): pled July 30, 2009

Sentencing Date: November 3, 2009

**Next Court Hearing Type and Date:** N/A

**Assigned Magistrate Judge**: David Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: Held without bond

In Continuous Custody Since: February 5, 2009

**Assigned District Court Judge**: Richard Kopf

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